



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

CANDLE / OPEN FLAME PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Article 1, section 105 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states... a permit shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division prior to engaging in the following: ... to use an open flame or candles in connection with assembly areas, dining areas of restaurants, or drinking establishments. See Article 25. Additional requirements may be applicable.

Candle and Other Open-flame Devices Candles and other open-flame devices shall not be used in places of assembly, drinking or dining establishments. Exceptions: When used in conjunction with approved heating or cooking appliances in areas not accessible to the public, when used in conformance with Section 1109.8 or when used in conformance with Section 8203.2.1.8.

Flaming foods and Beverages The preparation of flaming foods or beverages shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Flammable or combustible liquids used in the preparation of flaming foods or beverages shall be dispensed from one of the following: a 1-ounce (29.6 ml) container, or a container not exceeding one quart (946.4 ml) capacity with a controlled pouring device that will limit the flow to a one ounce (29.6ml) serving,
2. Flaming foods or beverages shall be prepared only in the immediate vicinity of the table being serviced. They shall not be transported or carried while burning,
3. The person preparing the flaming foods or beverages shall have a wet cloth towel immediately available for use in smothering the flames in the event of an emergency,
4. The serving of flaming foods or beverages shall be done in a safe manner and shall not create high flames. The pouring, ladling or spooning of liquids is restricted to a maximum height of 8 inches (203.2 mm) above the receiving receptacle,
5. Containers shall be secured to prevent spillage when not in use.

Candles and Other Open-flame Decorative Lighting Candles and other open-flame decorative lighting shall be in accordance with the following:

1. Class I and II liquids and LP-gas shall not be used,
2. Liquid or solid-fueled lighting devices containing more than 8 ounces (236.6ml) must self-extinguish and not leak fuel at a rate of more than ¼ teaspoon per minute (1.26ml per minute) if tipped over,
3. The device or holder shall be constructed to prevent the spilling of liquid fuel or wax at the rate of more than ¼ teaspoon per minute (1.26ml per minute) when the device or holder is not in an upright position,
4. The device or holder shall be designed so that it will return to the upright position after being tilted to an angle of 45 degrees from vertical, Exception: Units that self-extinguish if tipped over and that do not spill fuel or wax at the rate of more than ¼ teaspoon per minute (1.26 ml per minute) if tipped over.
5. The flame shall be enclosed except as follows: Openings on the sides shall not be more than 3/8 inch (9.5 mm) in diameter. Openings on the top and the distance to the top shall be such that a single layer of tissue paper placed on top will not ignite in 10 seconds.
6. Chimneys shall be made of non-combustible materials. Such chimneys shall be securely fastened to the open-flame device, Exception: The chimney need not be attached to any open-flame device that will self-extinguish if the device is tipped over.
7. Fuel canisters shall be safely sealed for storage,
8. Storage and handling of combustible liquid shall be in accordance with Article 79,
9. Shades, if used, shall be made of non-combustible materials and securely attached to the open-flame device holder or chimney,

10. Candelabra with flame-lighted candles shall be securely fastened in place to prevent overturning and located away from occupants using the area and away from possible contact with drapes, curtains or other combustibles and,
11. When, in the opinion of the chief, adequate safeguards have been taken, hand-held flame-lighted candles can be allowed. Hand-held candles shall not be passed from one person to another while lighted.

Religious Ceremonies When, in the opinion of the chief, adequate safeguards have been taken, participants in religious ceremonies are allowed to carry handheld candles. Handheld candles shall not be passed from one person to another while lighted.

Theatrical Performances When approved by the chief, open-flame devices used in conjunction with theatrical performances are allowed to be used when adequate safety precautions have been taken.

Standby Personnel When, in the opinion of the chief, it is essential for public safety in a place of assembly or any other place where people congregate, due to the number of persons, or the nature of the performance, exhibition, display, contest or activity, the owner, agent or lessee shall employ one or more qualified persons, as required and approved by the chief, to be on duty at such place. Such individuals shall be subject to the chief's orders at all times when so employed and shall be in uniform and remain on duty during the times such places are open to the public, or when such activity is being conducted. Before each performance or start of such activity, such individuals shall inspect the required fire appliances provided to see that they are in proper place and in good working order, and shall keep diligent watch for fires during the time such place is open to the public or such activity is being conducted and take prompt measures for the extinguishment of fires that may occur. Such individuals shall not be required or permitted, while on duty, to perform any other duties than those herein specified.

Additional
Requirements _____

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